

STEWARDS REPORT

MEETING DETAILS

Club - Track	Tasmanian Trotting Club - Hobart		
Date	26 July 2026		
Weather	Fine	Track Condition	Good
Chair	B. Scott	Panel	B. Hines, L. Jones
Check In	A. McDermott	Inspections	D. Luttrell
Officials	L. Rice, K. Valentine		
Starter	D. Bauld		
Veterinarian	Dr. R. Walker		
Medical Provider	Medical Edge		

GENERAL

Trainers with multiple runners in any one race advised their intended race tactics.

All drivers at this meeting underwent breath testing for the presence of alcohol.

Prior to Race 1, Trainer W. Yole advised stewards that seven of his horses engaged at tonight's meeting were on a horse transport truck that had broken down. The horses were YARECKON IM SWEET, ANDAMAN BAY, ROCKNALLOVERTHEWORLD, DENNY, LYNRYD SKYNYRD, WINSUM BELLA and KENYA. Mr. Yole had arranged for another vehicle to collect the horses, and transport them to the race meeting, however YARECKON IM SWEET and ANDAMAN BAY were engaged in Race 1 and would be late arriving on course.

Stewards confirmed the breakdown of the horse transport truck through an independent source.

Upon arrival on course, YARECKON IM SWEET, ANDAMAN BAY, ROCKNALLOVERTHEWORLD, DENNY, LYNRYD SKYNYRD, WINSUM BELLA and KENYA all underwent pre-race veterinary examinations due to their extended time in transit. All were passed fit to start.

Further, stewards were satisfied with the alternative arrangements made by W. Yole to transport his horses' home after the race meeting.

RACE-BY-RACE REPORT

RACE 1 – Woodlands Stud Pace – 2090m MS

Pl	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
		1	YARECKON IM SWEET	R. Backhouse (C)	Underwent a pre-race veterinary

					examination due to being delayed enroute to the course.
		2	KNOCK OUT NZ	J. Watson (C,5)	No report.
		3	DONNY IN PARIS	E. Arnott (C)	No report.
		4	ROCKNROLL MCRAE	R. Ashwood	No report.
		5	CAN FEEL THE FURY NZ	G. Rattray	No report.
		6	REPETITIVE NZ	R. Duggan	No report.
		7	ADAMAN BAY	H. Van dongen	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to being delayed enroute to the course. H. Van dongen suspended from driving in races for one race date.
		8	REMMINGTON	A. Ashwood	Tightened and contacted marker pegs on the first turn.
		9	RESURGENT WARRIOR		SCRATCHED
		10	SHADES OF SILK	P. Williams	No report.
		11	ITSMENOTU	D. Ford	No report.
		12	POST KEG	T. Rattray	No report.

General: An inquiry was opened into the reasons for ITSMENOTU (D. Ford) being tightened on the first turn between REMMINGTON and ANDAMAN BAY (H. Van Dongen). The evidence disclosed H. Van Dongen shifted ANDAMAN BAY down the track into the running line when insufficiently clear of the front legs of ITSMENOTU, which due to the momentum of ITSMENOTU resulted in that mare progressing to the inside of ANDAMAN BAY where there was no position available, and ITSMENOTU being in restricted room. H. Van Dongen then relieved the pressure and moved back out to a three wide position. H. Van Dongen pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 165(1)(b) of not being one metre clear of the extended front legs of ITSMENOTU on the first turn and had her licence to drive in races suspended for one race date. In determining penalty stewards considered the plea of guilt, the degree of interference, which was deemed to be low, and that H. Van Dongen relieved the pressure at her first opportunity.

RACE 2 – Ladbrokes Popular Srm Pace – 1609m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
		1	FOURTH RESPONSE	A. Turnbull	No report.
		2	THE DEVILS FLAME	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
		3	WAZOWSKI	J. Chibnall (C)	No report.
		4	ALWAYS AURORA	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
		5	ROCKNALLOVERTHEWORLD NZ	R. Duggan	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to being delayed enroute to the course. Passed fit to start.

	6	HAZEWILLREV	E. Arnott (C,5)	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race.
	7	MY WAY NZ	D. Ford	No report.
	8	SOUTHERN LUCK	T. Rattray	No report.
	9	DENNY NZ	G. Rattray	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to being delayed en-route to the course. Passed fit to start.
	10	KARALTA ARTEMIS	J. Walters	Sustained an offside flat tyre in the back straight on the final occasion. The evidence was inconclusive as to how the flat tyre occurred.
	11	MOVESLIKEALADY	R. Hillier	Out of position at the start and will continue to be excluded from the barrier draw for mobile races.

General: Trainer A. Duggan was reprimanded under Rule 238 for failing to notify stewards of the intended tactics of his multiple runners.

RACE 3 – Fehlbergs Produce 2yo Fill – 1609m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
		1	STOLEN ONE	J. Chibnall	No report.
		2	KORO SEA	R. Hillier	The explanation provided by P. Ashwood for the late notification of R. Hillier as the driver of KORO SEA was accepted.
		3	GO DIVA	D. Ford	No report.
		4	VINJETTA	A. Ashwood	Out of position at the start. Will now be excluded from the barrier draw for mobile races.
		5	SOUL OF KARALTA	J. Walters	No report.
		6	MISS VINCENTINA	P. Williams	No report.
		7	IDEN JUST BECAUSE	C. Salter	No report.

RACE 4 – Ladbrokes Quick Multi Pace – 2090m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
		1	MONEYS NO ISSUE	E. Arnott (C,5)	No report.
		2	SNOWIEWILLREV	G. Rattray	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race. A post-race veterinary examination revealed the gelding to have an abrasion on its neck

					due to the burr on the lugging pole. No stand down was considered necessary by the Veterinarian.
		3	MISTA EAGLE	H. Van dongen	No report.
		4	GOODTIME OSCAR	D. Ford	D. Ford was questioned regarding the tactics he adopted from the 1200 metres, in particular his decision to resist a challenge from GO THE RED and attempt to gain the lead from SNOWIEWILLREV. In addition, of concern to the stewards were the sectionals recorded, which were quicker than average. After taking evidence from D. Ford the inquiry was adjourned to allow the stewards to review the previous races of GOODTIME OSCAR and consider the evidence tendered.
		5	MONTGOMERY BURNS NZ	R. Duggan	No report.
		6	ONEHANDONEBOUNCE		SCRATCHED
		7	LYNRYD SKYNRYD NZ	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
		8	ONE BIG SHEW	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
		9	GO THE RED	J. Watson (C,5)	No report.

SNOWIEWILLREV – Following receipt of the veterinary report on SNOWIEWILLREV, stewards attempted to examine the lugging pole burr used on SNOWIEWILLREV, however trainer C. Howlett had left the course. The following day (Monday) stewards arranged for the TIU Investigators and Animal Welfare Officers to attend the stables of C. Howlett and inspect the abrasion to SNOWIEWILLREV and the burr. Following the inspection, the Investigators and Animal Welfare Officers were satisfied that no further action was required.

RACE 5– Fehlbergs Produce 2yo Colt – 1609m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
		1	SOLO SNITCH	G. Rattray	No report.
		2	CALZO SNIPER	R. Hillier	The explanation provided by P. Ashwood for the late notification of R. Hillier as the driver of CALZO SNIPER was accepted
		3	HEY POSTER BOY	R. Backhouse (C)	No report.
		4	IDEN ALWAYS BE ELI	L. Hooper	Inconvenienced in the latter stages of the score up when horses drawn either side were shifting ground. As a result, was out of position at the start. Broke gait near the 900 metres and has been stood down from racing until the completion of one re-qualifying trial.
		5	BETTOR THAN READY	T. Ford (C)	No report.
		6	MYSTERY MAIL	K. Williams (C)	Broke gait after the start and took no

					competitive part in the race. Will now be excluded from the barrier drawn for mobile races.
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RACE 6 – Tasmania Cup 19th December – 2090m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
		1	INTRUSION	A. Turnbull	Hung out near the 900 metres.
		2	POWER UP NZ	D. Ford	No report.
		3	CUSTOM HARLEY	H. Woods	No report.
		4	KEAYANG FITZY	R. Duggan	No report.
		5	WATERMELON SUGAR NZ	G. Ratray	No report.
		6	ROCKANDAHARDPLACE	J. Walters	No report.
		7	COLBY SANZ	K. Williams (C)	No report.

RACE 7 – Lather Up @ Woodlands Stud – 1609m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
		1	SABALENKA	A. Turnbull	No report.
		2	MIRA DOMINA	T. Ford (C)	No report.
		3	WINSUM BELLA	R. Backhouse (C)	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to being delayed enroute to the course. Passed fit to start.
		4	PARK LANE NZ	H. Van dongen	Over-raced in the early and middle stages of the race. Gave ground over the concluding stages.
		5	JEREMY WELLS NZ	R. Duggan	No report.
		6	STAROFREMEMBERANCE	J. Duggan (C)	No report.
		7	DEBT TILL WE PART	P. Williams	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to having in excess of 200 race starts. Passed fit to start.
		8	KENYA NZ	D. Ford	Underwent a pre-race veterinary examination due to having in excess of 200 race starts. Passed fit to start.

RACE 8 – Typeface Pace – 2090m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
		1	CRAYONS TO PERFUME	T. Ford (C)	Broke gait after the start and will now be excluded from the barrier draw for mobile races.
		2	ZOE ELLA	R. Hillier	No report.
		3	ANGEL ROCKS	D. Ford	No report.
		4	QUETZALLI	T. Rattray	Locked wheels with DOLCE DRAMA near the 400 metres.
		5	DOLCE DRAMA	A. Ashwood	Locked wheels with QUETZALLI near the 400 metres.
		6	HARBOUR SPRINGS	J Duggan (C)	Was checked after giving ground approaching the 400 metres. A post-race veterinary examination revealed an irregular heart rate. Stood down from racing until a veterinary certificate is provided inclusive of an ECG.

Stewards inquired into the reason for HARBOUR SPRINGS being checked and QUETZALLI and DOLCE DRAMA locking wheels near the 400 metres. The evidence disclosed QUETZALLI (T. Rattray) was able to move wider, approaching the 400 metres off the back of HARBOUR SPRINGS which was under pressure and soon after he locked wheels with DOLCE DRAMA which was wider on the track. As this occurred, CRAYONS TO PERFUME (T. Ford) shifted off the marker pegs forward of these runners and this resulted in a general tightening of racing room to QUETZALLI and HARBOUR SPRINGS. In this tightening, the near side sulky wheel of QUETZALLI lifted momentarily when it contacted the offside rear leg of HARBOUR SPRINGS. In the circumstances stewards were of the opinion the incident occurred due to several factors and could not hold any one driver or horse responsible, therefore the incident was noted.

RACE 9 – Smithawards Pace – 2090m MS

Pla	Col	No	Horse	Driver	Incident
		1	IDEN MISS WORLD	C. Salter	No report.
		2	SWEETHEART DIOR	D. Ford	Broke gait after the start and will now be excluded from the barrier draw for mobile races.
		3	BELLAS ANGEL	P. Hill	No report.
		4	LITTLE CAPPUCCINA	A. Ashwood	No report.
		5	ARKAIDA		SCRATCHED
		6	CRUNCHTHEGUN	R. Backhouse (C)	Will now be re-included in the barrier draw for mobile races.

Following the race, stewards inspected the helmet of driver P. Hill and found it to be in an unsatisfactory condition in that more than eight years had expired since its date of manufacture. P. Hill pleaded guilty to a charge under Rule 159A(1)(b) and was fined \$200. Stewards confiscated the helmet.

RACE MEETING SUMMARY

CATEGORY	RACE	DETAILS	AHR RULE
SUSPENSIONS:	1	H. Van Dongen - One race meeting	165(1)(b)
FINES:	9	P. Hill – Unacceptable helmet - \$200	159A(1)(b)
REPRIMANDS:	2	A.Duggan – Fail to notify tactics	238
HORSE ACTIONS:	3	VINJETTA – Exclude from mobile barrier draw	
	5	MYSTERY MAIL – Exclude from mobile barrier draw	
	5	IDEN ALWAYS BE ELI – Stood down one trial	
	8	CRAYONS TO PERFUME – Exclude from mobile barrier draw	
	8	HARBOUR SPRINGS – Stood down veterinary certificate inclusive of ECG.	
	9	SWEETHEART DIOR – Exclude from mobile barrier draw	
	9	CRUNCHTHEGUN – Re-include in mobile barrier draw	
PRE-RACE SWABS:	ROCKNROLL MCRAE, THE DEVILS FLAME, DENNY, MISTA EAGLE, GOODTIME OSCAR, ROCKANDAHARDPLACE, SABALENKA, KENYA, IDEAN MISS WORLD,		
POST-RACE SWABS:	ITSMENOTU, FOURTH RESPONSE, GO DIVA, GO THE RED, BETTOR THAN READY, INTRUSION, SABALENKA, SWEETHEART DIOR		
POST-RACE TCO2:	Nil		
FOLLOW UPS:	Nil		
ADJOURNED/PENDING INQUIRIES:	R4 – D. Ford (GOODTIME OSCAR) driving tactics		

Steward's report as posted is provisional and subject to further review and amendment.

Date	Changes / Version
	Version 1